

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST
June 2, 2024
Mass Intentions

June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:00AM+Barbara Noel, Ann. (Brian and Sherry Himes Family)
10:00AM+Skip Cowan (Jack & Nancy Kirkpatrick)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

June 3, Monday, Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

June 4 Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Regina Kutruff, Birthday (Family)

June 5, Wednesday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
12:00PM+Geraldine Rose, Birthday (Family)

June 6, Thursday, Saint Norbert, Bishop
12:00PM+Lisa Belsey Pufka, Birthday/Anniversary
(Mom & Sister Michele)

June 7, Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
12:00PM+Charles Brady, Anniversary (Dee & Joe Shellenberger)

June 8 Saturday, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
12:00PM+Kathleen Bollinger (Husband Ken and
Family)
Vigil: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Jeanette Roland (Family)

June 9, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Bob Beck, Anniversary (Faily)
10:00AM+Donnie Rabine (Galioto Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive has begun. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries needs our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of May 29, 145 households have pledged/contributed \$41,605. We've reached 91% of our target. Thank you.

UPMC Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring Jesus to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for more information.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -
ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS
AND PRAYER**

Readings for the week of June 2, 2024
Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-3

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 26, 2024 \$ 7,185.48
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.

Faith Day

The Diocesan **Faith Day**, that was scheduled for Sunday, June 30, at DelGrosso's Park has been cancelled. Hopefully, a new fun **Faith Day** will be in our future in 2025!

*Eucharistic
REVIVAL*



This Sunday, June 2, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and our parish's feastday, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 10 o'clock Mass until Benediction at 4:45 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available on the table at the cross-aisle.

Refreshments will be available on the portico following the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses.

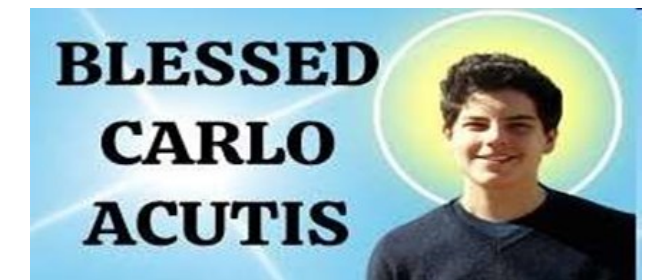


NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

Father Alan Thomas, V.G. will be the celebrant of the Eucharist on Tuesday, June 11, at 9:00 A.M. as we participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The liturgy will include a guest homilist from the National Pilgrimage Team. The Mass will conclude with a procession, with the consecrated host being carried in a special monstrance, to the portico where Benediction will be given. [There will no noon Mass on that day. We are encouraged to participate in the Confessions, Exposition, and Procession that will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Duncansville.]

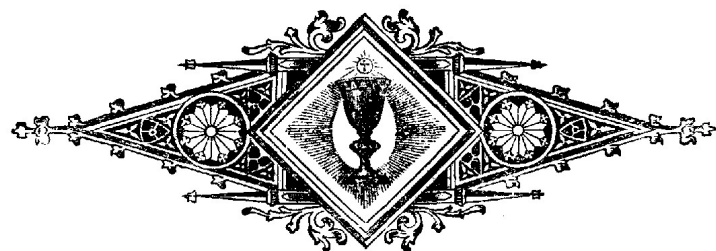
A BIG THANK YOU!

Gratitude goes out to the following volunteers who welcomed people and checked them in for our pictorial directory photographs: Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Roberta Burns, Carol Galioto, Peggy McLucas and Carol Ruggery. A special thank-you goes to Roberta Burns for conducting and coordinating the project. Roberta also stayed every evening until all pictures were taken and everyone was gone.



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Thursday, May 23, Pope Francis announced his approval of a second miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo and announced that he will be canonized a saint.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 2, 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.

Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant. Father John Muir ©LPi

Cathedral Christian Mothers'

The Cathedral Christian Mothers extend a grateful thank you to those parishioners who supported our Hoss's fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th. It is much appreciated.

The upcoming Christian Mothers' will meet Wednesday, June 12th with Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. The meeting will be held in the Education Center (lower level of parish office). All women of the parish are invited to attend these meetings. Contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841 for more information.



Basket Bingo Coming Soon

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts. If you have any questions please call The Parish Office 814-944-4603, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704, or Paula Clemens 814-215-5949

Stewardship Reflections

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi- the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus' Body and Blood was sacrificed for us on Calvary, but before that excruciating event, He humbly bound Himself to human hands in the Eucharist. As St. Thomas Aquinas expresses, "In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial." Jesus gave us the perfect and loving Gift of Himself so that we might be nourished, strengthened and more fully united to Him as we journey to eternal life. This glorious solemnity calls us to reflect on the precious gift of the Eucharist and what it truly means for us as Catholics.

As we celebrate this glorious solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ, let us find time to reflect on the Eucharist. Let us strive to intentionally honor and reverence Him at every Mass, strive to fully partake in each Eucharistic meal, and let us find time to visit our Savior in the Tabernacle. And let us pray frequently, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!"



Wednesday, June 5, is a Eucharistic Day of Prayer.

We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the cross-aisle.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First
Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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